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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re US Patent Application of: )

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Serial No.: 09/081,012 )

Filing Date: May 19, 1998 )

Title: REMOTE IMAGE CAPTURE )  
WITH CENTRALIZED )  
PROCESSING AND STORAGE )



Group Art Unit: 2746

Examiner: S. Cangialosi

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 15, 1999, applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the present application based on the following remarks.

Claims 1-51 and 53-57 are pending in this application. Claims 42-51, 53, 56 and 57 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The aforesaid claims that were withdrawn from consideration were withdrawn responsive to a restriction requirement imposed by Examiner Cangialosi. On June 8, 1999, the undersigned made a provisional election without traverse to prosecute the invention identified as Group I, namely, the invention of claims 1-41, 54 and 55. The applicant herein affirms this election and elects to prosecute claims 1-41, 54 and 55.

The present application also stands rejected based on a non-statutory double-patenting rejection. The Examiner has indicated that a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer may be used to overcome the provisional rejection.

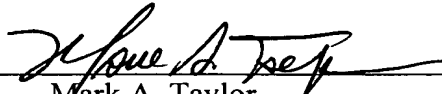
On July 15, 1999, the applicant submitted a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). A copy of the Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed for the Examiner's reference.

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Based on the above, it is respectfully asserted that the invention is in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the present application be allowed past issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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